

Subject: East African shilling coinage

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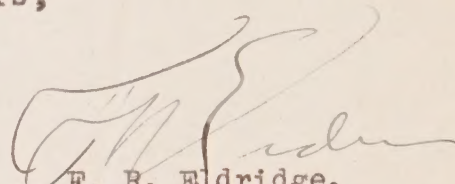
Subj: East African Shilling  
Coinage.

American Numismatic Society,  
156 Street and Broadway,  
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We are confronted with the problem of securing the weight of the East African shilling coinage, particularly the 1 shilling and 50 cents silver pieces, and the 10, 5 and 1 cent bronze pieces. It would be greatly appreciated if you could weigh these coins from your collection and let us know the result.

Very truly yours,

  
F. R. Eldridge.  
Commercial Agent.

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Florin 1920	11.59	grams
50 d (shilling) 1906	5.80	"
50 d base metal 1921	3.84	"
25 d silver 1906	2.90	"
10 cents copper	11.43	
5 "	6.45	
1 "	1.95	

30 mm
24 mm
21
18
31
25.5
20



4th January, 1929

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Shilling Coinage

Mr. F. R. Eldridge,  
Commercial Agent,  
U.S. Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Eldridge:

I am giving you herewith the weights and sizes of our East African coinage. I would not, however, take these figures as correct for today, as I do not know the standard of the present-day coinage in use there, nor can I find anything in the British Mint Reports that tell me, with the exception that vast quantities of shillings have been made in recent years. The piece labeled 50 cents is undoubtedly a shilling as it corresponds roughly in size. You will notice I have given in the table a silver 50 cent piece for 1906 and a base metal one, smaller and lighter, for 1921. It is possible that Gutttag Brothers, 16 Exchange Place, New York City, may have a more recent example.

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50 ¢ (base metal) 1921	3.84	21.
25 ¢ silver, 1906	2.90	18.
10 ¢ copper	11.43	31.
5 ¢ copper	6.45	25.5
1 ¢ copper	1.95	20.

Very truly yours,

Curator



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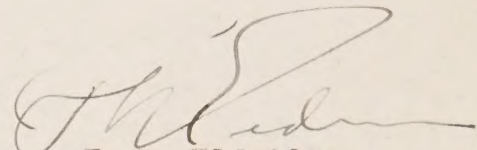
The American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway Between 155th & 156th Streets,  
New York, N. Y.

Attention: Mr. Howland Wood, Curator.

Gentlemen:

Again I am indebted to you for your service in connection with our request of January 2 and your prompt reply of January 4. I have forwarded the information which you furnished to Washington and in case they wish further information I will get in touch with Gutttag Brothers as you suggested.

Very truly yours,

  
F. R. Eldridge,  
Commercial Agent.

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